

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on 12/23/2009 is acknowledged. The applicant has cancelled claims 1-93 and has introduced new claims 94- 136. Of the new claims, the applicant has withdrawn device claims 107 – 114 based on a previous restriction requirement. However, due to oversight the applicant did not withdraw corresponding method claims 129-136. Upon calling Attorney Manabu Kanesaka (Reg. No. 31,467) about the above oversight, Atty. Kanesaka authorized the Examiner to withdraw claims 129-136 and cancel all non-elected claims via an Examiner's amendment. Accordingly, claims 107-114 and 129-136 have been cancelled, and claims 94-106 and 115-128 have been examined.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Manabu Kanesaka (Reg. No. 31,467) on 04/07/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

- a. Claims 107-114 and 129-136 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 94-106 and 115-128 are allowable in view of the amendment and reasons presented by the applicant in the papers filed on 12/23/2009.

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4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact/Status Information

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Roy M. Punnoose** whose telephone number is **(571)272-2427**. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Tarifur R. Chowdhury** can be reached on **571-272-2287**. The **Fax** number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

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